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Dear Staff:

I am writing to support the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement and land use plan for protecting the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River. However, I do want more effective and better protection of all natural and sensitive areas surrounding the Hanford Reach within the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, specifically the north slope and other areas north of the riverside reactor cavities. USDOE should include within the national wildlife refuge **all** of the public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, especially it's islands, the McGee Ranch and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve.

Additionally, USDOE must proceed immediately with a separate Record of Decision in order to establish the national wildlife refuge and protect these special places and natural values in the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. This must be done for the people of Washington State, the nation and the flora and fauna within this special place in eastern Washington.

If you have any further questions, please respond to me by mail at the above address. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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